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Racing to the finish



(Above) Members of the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron raced their bed "Mr. Huggybottoms," to first place in the Squadron Bed Race Sept. 17. Riding the bed is Airman 1st Class Dustin "Maverick" Akers. Supplying pushing power (from left to right) is Staff Sgt. Timothy "Goose" Goss, Tech. Sgt. David "Merlin" Haycraft, Airman 1st Class Rudy "Ice Man" Pimentel (hidden) and Airman 1st Class Torry "Jester" Murray.



Photos by Stephanie Ritter

(Above) Members of the 355th Services Squadron speed their way through the Squadron Bed Race Sept. 17 during Oktoberfest. Despite a broken tire the team took second place for the event. (From right to left) Maj. Christopher Lavallee, Tech. Sgt. Sean O'Daniel, Staff Sgt. Todd Jones and Senior Airman Juan Hernandez push their bed and Staff Sgt. Jeimmy Bermudez toward the finish line.

Drugs harm more than you, it affects the team

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

When an airman first class came to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base two and a half years ago as a dental apprentice, she had high hopes and dreams. It all changed the night she chose to use cocaine.

"During her enlistment, the Airman experienced domestic problems and was separated from her husband and son," said Capt. Kallie Woodward, 355th Wing Military Justice chief. "She started hanging out with the 'wrong' crowd.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't real discriminating

when I picked my friends here. And I've never had a support network in Tucson that comes anywhere close to what my family back home provided," the airman first class said in the courtroom during her court martial. "The friends I chose here in Tucson have been a bad influence. In the end, they have done me more harm than good."

Captain Woodward said, someone at one of the parties offered the Airman cocaine and she used it. Four days after using it, she was tasked for a random urinalysis, which she tested positive on.

Punishments for such a crime vary from case-to-case and depend solely on the facts

and circumstances for each situation. But the fact remains: Airmen who choose to use will be punished.

If a case is referred as a Special-court martial, the Airman faces up to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 12 months, two-thirds forfeiture of pay for 12 months and possibly a fine.

If a case is referred as a General court-martial, the maximum sentence depends on the drug used or the crime charged.

"For example, one time use of cocaine carries with it a potential maximum sentence of

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Squadrons band together to prove they have what it takes to earn title of Sports Day champion

Davis-Monthan is scheduled to host a Sports Day open to all military, Department of Defense and Non-appropriated Fund em-

ployees and dependents Thursday.

Events for the day include a 5K run, golf, a football throw, tug-of-war and much more.

For more information about Sports Day see **Sports Day to provide exercise, break from work**, Page 19.

Child Development Center hours

Concern: I was wondering if the Child Development Centers could conduct a biannual survey on opening their doors earlier. Because of the six to nine month rotation of deployments, I am forced to change my work hours every time my husband deploys or goes on a temporary duty assignment. When I drop my son off at 6:30 a.m., there are usually a lot of parents waiting to sign their children in. A survey would provide facts on how many parents need the service earlier. It could also be used as a tool so the facility could be staffed according to the need.

Response: First of all, I'd like to thank you and your family for the sacrifices you make every day so that your spouse can better serve this great nation. Without your dedication and vigilance on the home front, the troops fighting the Global War on Terrorism would not be as sure footed and effective as they are.

Your question brings up a valid concern, so I directed the mission support squadron commander to look at having another survey.

But I need your help. When we conducted a survey last May, we received 79 replies from the more than 300 families who use the CDC. So please get your fellow CDC families to fill it out.

The last survey showed that 66 of 79 families like the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., so we've kept the hours to reach those preferred

times.

There may be another program that could help you or families facing extended deployments. It's called Extended Duty Care.

This free program enables Airmen to reserve a slot with an FCC provider. This program is for when an Airman's duty schedule changes to more than 50 hours a week during times that are before or after the CDC's hours of operation. Working spouses may also be eligible for the Extended Duty Care Program while their active duty spouse is deployed, or on a temporary duty assignment. You can get more information regarding eligibility requirements for the Extended Duty Care Program by calling the FCC office at 228-2201.

Thank you again for your suggestion. Our goal is to continue to seek guidance from parents on ways to improve our childcare facilities. It is only through this type of open communication will we be able to fulfill the needs of our Air Force families.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Wendy Ozment, Family Member Programs Flight Chief, at 228-2335.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: 355th.Wing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil. Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to



Senior Airman Cat Casaigne

Capt. David Gilkes, (left) 355th Wing, assists Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, in filling out an application for the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC provides donors a tool to give to local, national and international charities without having to track down donation information themselves. For more information on donating, contact Captain Gilkes at 228-3162 or visit the CFC's official Web site at www.cfcz.org.

contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 25th Operational Weather Squadron at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base provides 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week environmental information to joint military commanders operating throughout the western United States, the Caribbean and Latin America. Serving a dual training and operations role, the 200-person squadron expeditiously upgrades 160 first-assignment weather forecasters to sustain a demanding in-garrison mission capability. Additionally, the unit deploys Weather Specialty Teams for Combined Air Operations Center and other special missions located throughout the world.

Senior Airman Jennifer Marshall, 355th Operational Weather Squadron, analyzes radar on the radar console, monitoring for storm position and movement and conducts a meteorological watch for developing storms.



Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

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D-M installs security devices

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Construction has taken place at all the gates located off Golf Links Road to improve the security of the base.

Hydraulically actuated barriers, spike strips, bump strips and new lower speed limit signs have already been, or are in the process of being installed, at these gates.

"The barriers are being installed to augment our force protection measures at the gates," said James Johnsen, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron project engineer.

The hydraulic barriers on inbound lanes are in place as a final denial measure, said Master

Sgt. Duane Judy, 355th Wing installation anti-terrorism officer. If someone were to intensionally run the gate, members of the 355th Security Forces can activate the barriers to prevent access being gained to the base.

Spike strips are being installed on the outbound lanes of all three gates to prevent entry to the base through those lanes.

The speed limit will be reduced to five miles per hour on outbound lanes because of the spike strips. This is the maximum safe speed limit recommended by the manufactures.

For more information about the new security measures being implemented at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, contact Mr. Johnsen at 228-5138.

Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ A senior airman from the 355th Services Squadron received a reduction to airman first class, suspended forfeitures of \$250 pay for two months and 30 days extra duty for **not paying the government travel card on two separate occasions and for failure to file a travel voucher within the allotted five days**. These were violations of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ A senior airman from 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was discharged with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**, supported by one Article 15 and one vacation of suspended nonjudicial punishment.

◆ An airman first class from the 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for **stealing numerous items from the main base exchange**. This was a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ. In the Sept. 17 edition of the Desert Airman, the airman was mis-

identified as being from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron.

◆ An airman from 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron was **discharged** with a general characterization for **minor disciplinary infractions**, supported by one Article 15, one letter of reprimand and two records of individual counseling.

◆ An airman first class from 355th AMXS was **discharged** with a general characterization for **failure in alcohol abuse treatment** supported by one Article 15 and two letters of reprimands.

(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocates Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which includes: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)

News Notes

CGOC luncheon

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Company Grade Officers' Council is holding a professional development luncheon Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in The Mirage Officers' Club. Col. Lourdes Castillo, Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center commander, will speak to all CGOs (second lieutenants through captains). The cost for lunch will be paid by the CGOC for official members. Non-CGOC members will pay regular meal prices. Today is the last day to reserve a seat. To make a reservation contact 2nd Lt. Michael Dow at michael.dow@dm.af.mil.

355th MSS closure

Tuesday through Thursday the 355th Mission Support Squadron military personnel flight and family support center hours of operation will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday these units will be minimum manned due to Sports Day.

Civilian call

There is a civilian call scheduled to be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the base theater.

Medical Group telephone survey

The 355th Medical Group was selected to participate in a telephone survey to receive feedback about outpatient visits. Calls will be made Mondays through Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. The caller does not have access to personal medical information nor will patients be requested to provide that information. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Judy Khamphan at 228-2919.

Legal office services

The 355th Wing Legal Office provides on-site legal assistance to any squadron on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Legal office personnel will travel to squadrons to draft wills and powers of attorney and to notarize documents. For more information regarding the various services the legal office provides, call 228-5242.

Public speaking

If you've been asked to speak about the Air Force or your job, contact the public affairs office for further guidance. For information on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

Terrorism history

Sept. 24, 1981 Armenian terrorists stormed the Turkish consulate, killing one guard, wounding the vice consul and taking hostages. The hostages were released later and the Armenians surrendered.

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Airmen were saved from the consequences of driving under the influence by the Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program since Dec. 31.

Call AADD at
850-2233

10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and
4 p.m. to midnight Sundays for a ride.



Emergency Numbers

Ambulance.....911
Casualty Assistance.....228-3686
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Duty Chaplain.....228-5411
(After duty hours).....228-3517
Fire Reporting.....911
Public Affairs.....228-3204
(After duty hours).....228-7400
Fraud Waste and Abuse.....228-3177

Base Operations.....228-4315
Mortuary Officer.....228-5964 or 4414
(After duty hours).....228-3121
Command Post.....228-7400
355th Security Forces Crime Stop.....228-4444
Safety.....228-5558
(After duty hours).....909-0316
Base locator.....228-3347
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

Airmen teach youth discipline while building self-esteem

By Staff Sgt. Tammie Moore
355th Wing Public Affairs

Tuesday, Davis-Monthan volunteers begin a journey pushing more than 150 Tucson youths through a 31 day mini-boot camp to help them build self-confidence.

"Our goal is to instill old fashion respect in children today while teaching discipline," said Staff Sgt. Clarence Augurson, Operation: Leadership Boot Camp instructor. "We build self-esteem and give children a place where they feel they belong. Our program keeps them focused on school, not on gangs, drugs, etc."

Operation: Leadership Boot Camp provides an avenue for base members to serve as Wingmen to the Tucson community.

"This program puts D-M members in day-to-day contact with children, parents and teachers throughout Tucson," the sergeant said. "It provides Tucson with a positive view of its military neighbors while giving Airmen the gratification of making a difference in a child's life. We want to aid in building tomorrow's leaders."

Leadership boot camp targets students at the Naylor, Magee and Townsend Middle Schools, all located in Tucson.

"We target sixth through eighth grade students because they are still at an impressionable age," Sergeant Augurson said. "They are old enough to influence others yet young enough to be molded into the leaders of tomorrow."

Children who participate in the program can volunteer to join, be enrolled by their principal due to disciplinary problems or enrolled by their parents.

The children participate in drill, physical

conditioning, class discussions and community service, said Senior Airman Latanceia Godfrey, Naylor Middle School Boot Camp senior instructor.

In existence since December 1998, the October Operation: Leadership Boot Camp program may be the last class due to the program coordinators upcoming permanent change of station.

Individuals considering heading the program have much to consider, Sergeant Augurson said. They need a love of children, patience, flexibility, creativity and a firm grasp on the concept of respect and discipline.

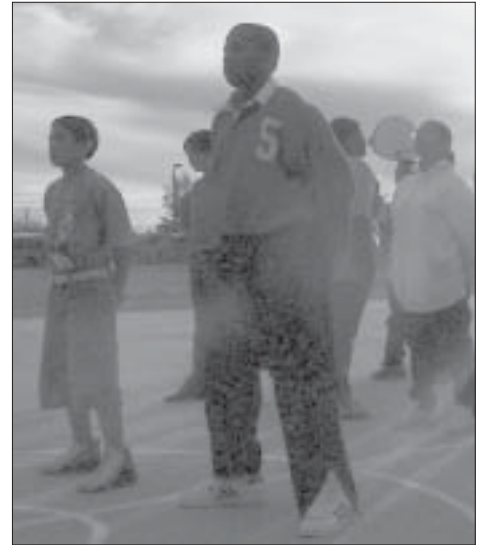
There is also a heavy time commitment, he said. "I spend three months on one session. Two months of planning and one month on the actual session. During the first two months I spend five to 10 hours per week and the last month I spend 20 to 30 hours per week and two full weekends. Although, it is very demanding the rewards outweigh it all."

The program is in need of dedicated, child-loving, community-oriented volunteers who genuinely want to help Tucson's children.

"We are always looking for volunteers," Sergeant Augurson said. The program needs three male and six female volunteers during the month of October.

Leadership boot camp members are seeking volunteers for a sleep-over that is scheduled to be held Oct. 22 through the 24. There is also a need for field trip chaperones and car pool drivers to transport children.

"Volunteers teach respect, discipline, teamwork and physical conditioning to the children using basic training tactics," Sergeant Augurson said. "They push the children to their



Staff Sgt. Troy Hawkes

During a 2003 Operation: Boot Camp session, students at Naylor Middle School stand at parade rest during basic training style drill instruction.

limits through stress inducing activities and value building exercises."

Volunteers will receive training from Sergeant Augurson and school counselors on how to deal with the children on emotional, mental and physical levels.

The goal of the program is not to give Airmen an additional enlisted performance feedback bullet.

Instead, the chance to positively change a child's life is the true reward of participation, the sergeant said.

If one child walks away with a better attitude, higher self-esteem or a better outlook on life, Senior Airman Godfrey said, "it makes me feel the time and effort we put into the program was all worth it."

For more information about volunteering, contact Sergeant Augurson at 228-1769.

City ordinances ban dogs from elementary schools

By Jacie Muxfeldt
Smith Elementary School

Smith Elementary School is seeking the community's help to keep its playgrounds safe and clean.

The school's playground is open during non-school hours for use associated with school activities.

There are several entry points to the school's fields where signs are posted prohibiting dogs from school property. However, several dog owners use the facilities as a dog run.

"We ask that you leave your dog at home and not bring them with you when visiting our property, whether during school hours or af-

ter; this includes weekends," said Dr. Albert Siqueiros, Smith Elementary School principal.

"At times, this results in a messy playground and of course there are always safety concerns when we have animals near children," Dr. Siqueiros said.

Smith Elementary, though located at D-M, falls under city ordinances.

According to City Ordinance 4-103, except for police and guide dogs, no person shall bring any dogs on school property, regardless if the dog is leashed.

Additionally, according to City Ordinance 4-97 and the Davis-Monthan Military Family Housing

Brochure, all dogs must be under physical restraint, not verbal restraint, at all times when the resident removes their dog from their home, unless they are in the resident's fenced or walled yard.

Effective Oct. 1, the school will be working in conjunction with the 355th Security Forces Squadron to enforce these ordinances.

Through this effort, pet owners caught on school grounds will be detained with their pet until the arrival of a Tucson Police Department officer.

At that time, TPD will issue the owner a citation. If the dog is at large (not under physical restraint), with or without the

owner, Pima County Animal Control will be contacted to remove the dog from the school property. The PCAC can request a citation be issued through TPD to the pet owner if the dog is at large without the owner.

First time offenders can face a \$50 fine per dog. Second time offenders can face a \$100 fine per dog, the fine increases with each offense. If PCAC removes the dog, the pet owner could face additional impound fees.

The reason for these changes is to ensure the safety of all visitors.

For more information about city ordinances, contact the City Clerk's Office at 791-4213.

Car seat inspections help ensure safety

Davis-Monthan fire department offers child seat safety course



By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy
355th Wing Public Affairs

A local survey reported that 94 percent of Tucsonans do not use their child safety seats properly.

"Proper installation of a child safety seat is imperative to it doing its job — protecting your child," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing Ground Safety manager. "Improper installation can result in the seat coming loose during a collision and your child hitting their head, arms, hands or legs hard enough to

cause a serious life threatening injury."

Ensuring a car seat is properly installed inside the car takes only a few minutes; and can potentially save a child's life.

"The amount of needless injuries that occur because of improper use of child safety seats is easily reducible if we can educate the users on the proper installation methods," said Peter Delillo, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Prevention Flight inspector.

As part of Fire Prevention Week and the National Safe Kids Campaign members from the 355th CES Fire Protection Flight and Tucson Fire's Community Safety and Injury Prevention Office are teaming up to educate 20 families on how to properly install car seats Oct. 8 at the Desert Dove Chapel at 9 a.m.

"If you do not have a car seat, the program offers care gives the opportunity to receive education and a car seat for attending," Mr. Delillo said. There is a \$20 fee for those who need seats.

The program is also open to parents of children needing a different seat or booster; it is not limited to newborns.

When members of D-M are educated on how to install car seats properly, they can rest assured knowing their children are safe.

"We have arranged for childcare while the class is in session," Mr. Delillo said. "The civil engineer booster club will help with childcare and provide snacks for the children."

Since space is limited to 20 slots, members are encouraged to sign up early.

Those who call to schedule an appointment need to know the child's weight, age and how many car seats will be inspected. Appointments are also available for those with special-needs children.

Families who already have car seats can call to set up a free inspection.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the fire prevention office at 228-4333.

Legal claim assistance available to D-M members affected by base power outages

Airmen and their families living on Davis-Monthan who may have suffered a financial

loss due to the recent power outages should contact the base legal office to file a claim.

For more information about filing a claim, call 228-4912.

Drugs

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a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement of five years," Captain Woodward said.

"[In this case], the Airman faced a special-court martial, plead guilty, received a federal conviction the judge sentenced her to a bad conduct discharge, confinement of six months and reduction to E-1," Captain Woodward said.

The airman first class said to the judge with tears in her eyes, "I know what I did was wrong and it hurts me more than anybody."

However, the effects of the Airman's actions affects more than just her, it impacts the entire team.

"As with any disciplinary action, readiness also suffers," said 1st Lt. Joseph Parsons, 355th Security

Force Squadron assistant operations officer. "If we lose one member of the team, it's tougher on everyone else to take the fight to the enemy."

"Hypothetically, just because an Airman decides to use drugs on a weekend doesn't mean the drug is out of their system by Monday," Captain Woodward said. "Airmen under the influence working on airplanes, equipment or driving vehicles are a recipe for disaster, they put everyone on base at risk as well as society at large."

Ensuring Wingmen are doing the right thing is everyone's responsibility. If someone is doing something unwise or thinking of doing drugs, do not hesitate to call "Knock it off."

(Editor's note: This is part one of a three part series on the dangers of drug use. Future articles will focus on security and health risks associated with drugs.)

Hispanic Heritage Month factoid

In the Persian Gulf War, F-15C pilots scored 31 kills of Iraqi aircraft ranging from the top-line MiG-29 fighter, the Mirage F-1 fighter and Soviet-built helicopters.

Jan. 19 and 26, 1991, then Capt. Cesar Rodriguez downed two enemy aircraft during the Persian Gulf War. The first one he out maneuvered at 300 feet when the MiG-29 miscalculated a Split-S at 300 feet and hit the ground. The second one, he and a team of four F-15 flying abreast took on a group of three MiG-23s, he outmaneuvered one MiG-23 bringing his total to two Gulf War kills.

Additionally, during the Kosovo campaign, then Lt. Col. Rodriguez engaged a MiG-29 intent on stopping their strike mission. Once over the western mountains of Kosovo, Colonel Rodriguez locked and fired an AMRAAM missile and destroyed the MiG-29 lighting up the night sky in a brilliant explosion about 10 football fields in length.

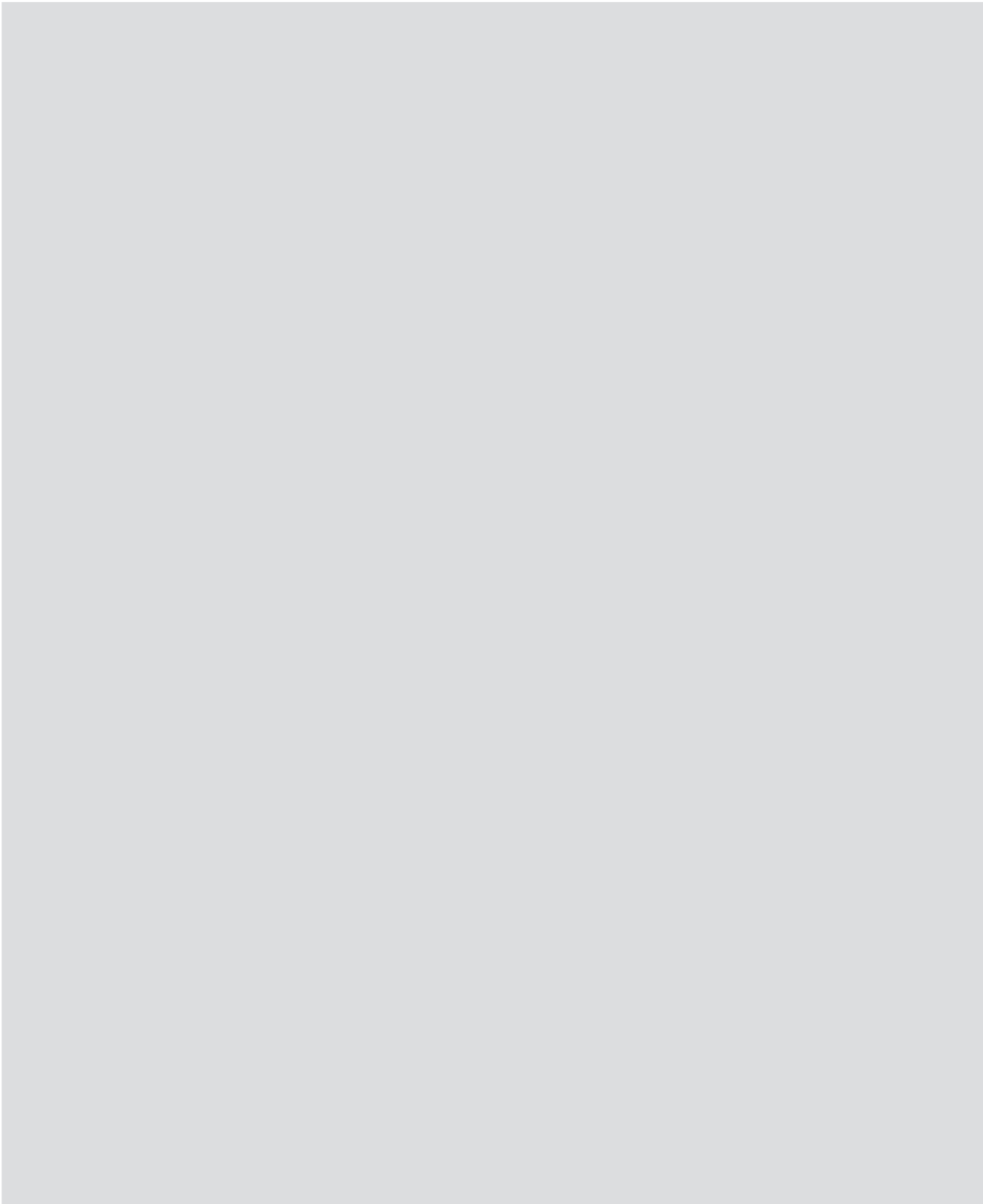
Now a group commander at D-M, Colonel Rodriguez exemplifies the warrior spirit and is one example of a role model for Hispanics in the Air Force.

(Information courtesy of Air Force Magazine.)



Air Force photo

F-16A, F-15C and F-15E aircraft fly overhead during Desert Storm.



An Airman deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom stands guard; always ready to protect personnel and equipment.



Air Force photo

Joint operation

American security forces, host nation team-up to provide security

By 1st Lt. Kelley Jeter
380th Air and Space Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- It's been a long six months in the desert.

The Airmen who came together in March to form the 380th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron have worked a long, hot summer and are finally close to going home for a while.

"We were glad to see [Air and Space Expeditionary Force] nine and 10 show up, because that meant we were at our halfway point," said Staff Sgt. Autum Gudvangen, 380th ESFS Training and Readiness NCO in charge, deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

The Security Forces career field is one that is routinely tasked for six-month deployments as opposed to the standard AEF rotation, so ESFS Airmen have been working here longer than most. As a result, security forces have put in thousands of hours at the vehicle search area, on patrols, at various postings, responding to incidents and have learned to work hand-in-hand with the host nation security.

In fact, security is one of the most important interactions we have with the host nation, and undeniably the most visible.

"We share a common goal with our hosts, in

the protection of personnel and resources on the base," said Maj. Richard DeMouy 380th ESFS commander.

Recently, the host nation security forces began integrating more of their operations into our routine, and are now accomplishing patrols and perimeter checks in conjunction with 380th Airmen.

As a security forces member who commonly works at a joint-operations post, Tech. Sgt. Brian Moeller, deployed here from Davis-Monthan, said the local forces often come by and take the 380th Airmen with them on their patrols of the perimeter.

"We look at the fence line, searching for damage to the fence or other evidence of a surreptitious entry, such as footprints, abandoned vehicles or simply people who don't belong," Sergeant Moeller said.

They also respond jointly to vehicle accidents on the part of the base that's outside the American compound, if an American is involved.

"We're extremely fortunate to have such a close working relationship with our hosts," said Col. James Jones, 380th Air Expeditionary Wing commander.

"Joint security patrols will help us continue to strengthen those ties by providing a forum

where we can leverage the combined strengths of the security forces personnel as we work toward a common goal -- providing the most secure operating environment possible for all those who work and reside on the base," Colonel Jones said.

In addition to patrols, the joint forces respond to some incidents at the vehicle search area. When a military working dog alerts on an incoming vehicle and a cordon needs to be established, the host forces help secure the entry control points.

"They work alongside our forces, helping to turn back traffic along the cordon. We especially appreciate them being there when we encounter drivers who don't speak English," said Tech. Sgt. Richard Melchione, NCOIC of the vehicle search area, deployed from Ramstein.

Our hosts have also been working independently of us at stepping up the security around American assets and people. The host nations have announced they will be performing more frequent random checks of personnel to ensure they are authorized to be in certain areas.

"This is just one of many examples of the tremendous partnership we have developed with our host nation over the years," Colonel Jones said.

B-1B returns with a roar

By 1st Lt. Daniel King
and Rob Raine

Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center Public Affairs

For 16 months the burnt-umber, jagged spines and cracked earth of the Sonoran desert contrasted the elegant grey lines of a B-1B Lancer nicknamed 'Guardian.'

Under a plan to improve overall B-1B mission capable rates, the Air Force retired 'Guardian' to inviolate storage at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center here. During that time, the 'Guardian' awaited changes in world events that might dictate the need for its immediate return to the active fleet.

"Inviolate storage allows us to indefinitely preserve national aerospace assets," said Colonel Lourdes Castillo, AMARC commander. "Our AMARC team can rapidly return them to service in response to emergent needs."

Originally the Air Force plan called for a decrease of the B-1

fleet from 92 to 60 aircraft, and AMARC prepared to store many of the consolidated B-1s.

But dynamic world events directly affected B-1 operations, resulting in a need for additional aircraft to maintain an adequate number of combat, training, test and attrition reserve B-1s, said Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander.

In early 2004, COMACC directed the recall of 'Guardian' to the active force in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

As part of the House and Senate fiscal 2004 Authorization Bill, AMARC and maintenance crews from the 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., partnered for the first regeneration of a B-1B Lancer out of storage.

"It was awesome to have her airborne again after such a long down-time," said Maj. Mike Tamez, chief of B-1 operations, Air Force Reserve 10th Flight Test Squadron, Tinker Air Force Base. "The



Terry Vanden-Heuvel

(Above) A B-1B Lancer lifts off from the Davis-Monthan after spending nearly a year and a half at the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center. The Lancer was recalled to duty to supplement fleet requirements in support of the war on terror. The B-1B underwent two months of repairs before leaving D-M.

engineers, mechanics and crew chiefs from the Tinker maintenance crew, along with outstanding AMARC support, made B-1B regeneration a great success."

Next, the 'Guardian' will go through fleet modernization efforts, followed by programmed depot maintenance. Both prepare the aircraft for its return to combat.

Air Force offers Airmen educational benefits

By Staff Sgt. Ken Meyers

372nd Training Squadron Unit Public Affairs Representative

"It is possible to fly without motors, but not without knowledge and skill," -Wilbur Wright said in the year 1900.

Maximizing your Air Force career begins with pursuing your education. A well-rounded education is important in today's society, where you need a degree if you're planning to be successful.

The Air Force provides Airmen \$4,500 a year for school to help provide them with the keys to succeed in life. If you're not going to school, you are handing back that money to the Air Force every year.

Remember the educational benefits the recruiter promised you and how you planned to go to college while on active duty? Now is the time to take advantage of those educational benefits. Through formal training and by taking a few additional classes, you can earn a degree.

An associate's degree is the first step toward making yourself a professional. This degree can make a difference during promotion boards and award boards. Last year, most of the master sergeants selected for promotion had associate's degrees. The standard deviation between Airmen who are and who are not promoted comes down to those having a degree. Without at least an associate's degree, the chances of becoming a

senior noncommissioned officer can significantly decrease.

If you are planning to get out of the Air Force, have you prepared yourself for separation? Currently, Phase II of the Air Force's force-shaping program initial goal was to have 16,600 Airmen leave the Air Force, 3,900 officers and 13,700 enlisted. Those numbers are projected to increase to almost 19,000 by Sept. 30, and to 24,000 by Sept. 30, 2005. Receiving an education is the best way to prepare for a professional life outside of the Air Force because many employers do not consider hiring people without a degree.

If receiving a degree is your goal, you must

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Final Answer

What would you like to achieve prior to leaving the Air Force?



**Senior Airman
Kimberly Perez**
612th Air
Communications
Squadron

"I want to get my degree and acquire more knowledge in my job so I can use it when I get out."



**Airman 1st Class
Terrence Williford**
612th Combat
Plans Squadron

"I want to retire from the Air Force as a chief master sergeant."



**1st Lt.
Daniel Peden**
612th Air
Communications
Squadron

"I want to obtain great leadership training and get a master's degree before I leave the Air Force."



**1st Lt.
Matt McGuinness**
48th Rescue
Squadron

"I hope to be a squadron commander before I leave the Air Force."



**Staff Sgt.
Sharla Riley**
755th Aircraft
Maintenance Squadron

"I would like to make chief master sergeant and retire."



**Airman 1st Class
Josh Cook**
612th Combat
Plans Squadron

"I want to get my degree, possibly get commissioned and retire from the Air Force within the next 20 to 25 years."

Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member of the D-M community. Members are nominated by their unit commander or first sergeant.)



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Sergio Andrade from the 355th Wing. Sergeant Andrade is a wing command section superintendent. According to his supervisor, Master Sgt. Rudy Pino, he was nominated because, "he's hit the ground running and developed several new procedures to ensure the wing command section provides outstanding information management support to the wing commander, his staff and the 'Desert Lightning' team."

The following are Sergeant Andrade's responses to a variety of questions.

What has been your best assignment

and why: Aviano Air Base, Italy. There was awesome food and people and the location allowed me to travel around Europe.

Best advice you've received in the Air Force: Always do what you can to make the best of a rotten situation, for buried in the disaster is an opportunity for growth and experience.

Name someone who inspires you (or that you admire) and why: I would have to say that person is my wife. She is able to manage a job, full-time school and takes care of the kids even when I am deployed and does so with ease and grace.

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make it your priority.

Most Airmen and NCOs have more than two years of college credit in their education records. The education office can review your records to see how close you are to completing a degree.

Still there are many confounding independent variables that can stop you from getting a

degree. One of them might be the cost. The Air Force offers 100 percent tuition assistance for active duty, plus Airmen can use their Montgomery GI Bill.

Navy Admiral Daniel Cooper, undersecretary of Veterans Affairs for benefits, said the Montgomery GI Bill is still a huge benefit to American society.

"Last year, we had 400,000 men and women in college getting an advanced education as a result of our educational benefit," he said.

"Three years ago the benefit they received was \$600 per month for 36 months. As of Oct. 1, 2003, that monthly benefit increased to \$985, up \$385."

Additionally the Montgomery GI bill can be used to pay for expensive graduate programs where tuition can run \$400 per credit hour or more.

Another variable might be a lack of time to concentrate on school. It can be challenging to balance studies with your Air

Force job and family. A traditional college campus environment may not fit your needs. But, there are on-line degrees, distance learning degrees and colleges that give you credit for life experience. There are also DANTES and CLEP tests that award college credit, if passed.

Visit the education office to take advantage of these opportunities. Time invested today will help build a more professional person tomorrow.

New 355th AMDS commander



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

Lt. Col. Gary Hurwitz (right), and Capt. Scott Zelasko both from the 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, review an Air Force Instruction on what care a patient should receive.

The 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron provides vital health services to foster a fit fighting force for the 355th Wing and tenant organizations, promotes preventive medicine programs to maintain maximum Air Force readiness and monitors the environment and occupational work areas for hazards while supporting worldwide contingency operations.

Lt. Col. Gary Hurwitz assumed command of the 355th AMDS July 30.

D-M Mentorship Memos

Opportunities to help fulfill the 'service' in Air Force core values

Families and Schools Together

Families and Schools Together, is a prevention program for at risk elementary school students. It is designed to strengthen families and increase academic achievement.

The program is currently in need of volunteers to work with children in a group setting one evening a week for eight weeks. Classes start Wednesday and Thursday.

Volunteers will help set up, run activities for the children and help clean up from 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Cheri Stanton at Family Counseling Agency at 784-7432.

Reading Seed

The Reading Seed is a literacy program for elementary students in Pima County in first through third grades.

Volunteers are needed to tutor students one hour a week as a reading coach at local elementary schools, close

to the volunteer's home.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Penny Pauly at 798-0700.

Literacy Volunteers of Tucson

Do you want to make a difference in the lives of adults who cannot read, write and/or speak english?

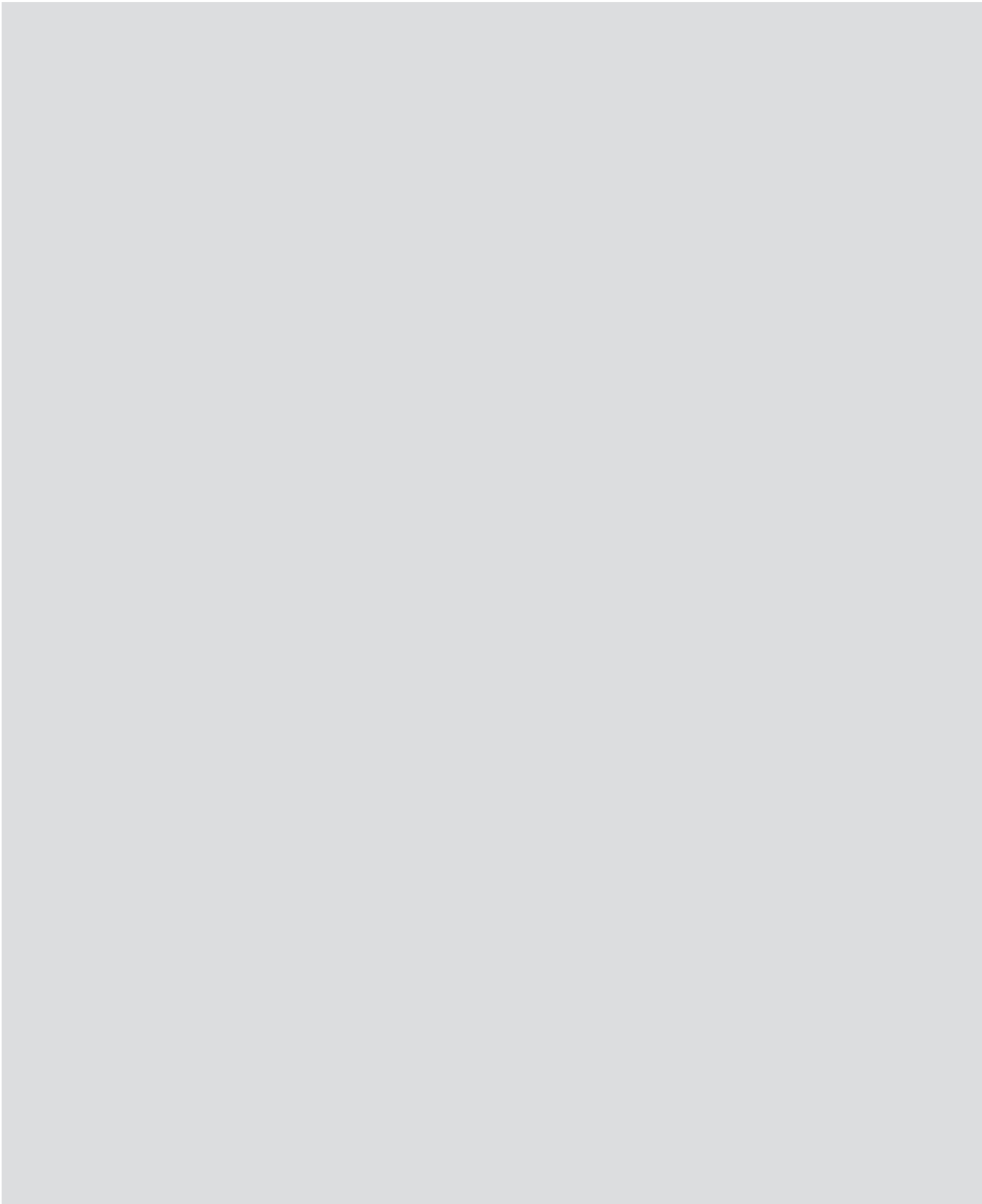
Volunteers for Literary Volunteers of Tucson are trained to tutor adults in basic literacy, reading and writing, and English Speakers of Other Languages, in group conversation classes.

For more information, contact Sandy Cochran scochran@lovetoread.org.

San Xavier Mission School

Volunteers are needed to assist children in kindergarten through eighth grades with basic math and reading skills, computer programming and basic computer operating skills.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the family support center at 228-5690.



By performing more than 100 convoys, delivering more than 1.25 million short tons of cargo, traveling more than 253,100 miles ...

11 men of LRS kept busy, returned home heroes

Story by Senior Airman Cat Casaigne
355th Wing Public Affairs

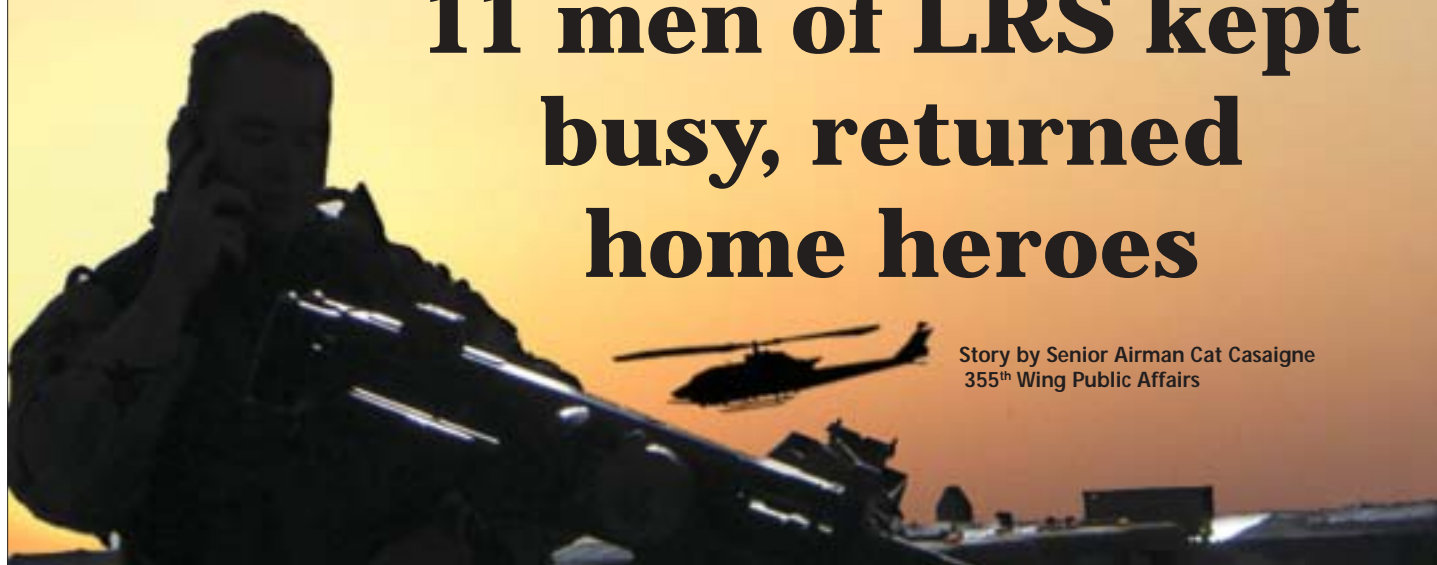


Photo Illustration by Master Sgt. Brain Blangsted

"Of 209 days, I had one bad day in Iraq," he said, looking at pictures and video from his deployment where 11 members of the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron were among the first Air Force members to perform convoy duty in support of the U.S. Army.

Master Sgt. Walt Voltz, a convoy commander and platoon leader of the 1st Platoon while deployed, said on that day, the convoy was lined up to leave. As he rolled out the gate, leading his 27-truck convoy, there was an inadvertent weapons discharge. Immediately the gates closed, unbeknownst to him.

"I got about four miles outside the gate and I couldn't see the rest of the trucks. So I stopped the convoy, parked them in a [safe zone], turned around and went back to the gate. Sure enough, the gate was closed. I received information from the gate guard, got my convoy out and off we went," he said.

That was the first stroke of bad luck for the day, but it was not the last. Sergeant Voltz was soon to learn he, and the rest of his convoy, were in for a very long day.

"Later, my rear gun truck got a blow-out," he said. "We had to set up security to protect the convoy, but we also had to get the tire changed in a timely and efficient manner."

Usually a tire change takes less than 10 minutes, and would have in this case had it not been for a stubborn lug nut.

"After two hours of trying to get the tire off, a tank crew rolled by us. They gave us a 'thumbs up' asking us if we were alright," he said. "We gave them a 'thumbs down,' saying 'no we are not alright.' They pulled up to the edge of my convoy and backed [up] to give us tools so we could snap the lug nut off."

Using a sledge hammer, breaker bar and a cheater bar, it took four men another 25 minutes to snap the lug nut off and change the tire.

No sooner was the convoy back up and running did Lady Luck give the platoon the cold shoulder yet again.

"A little ways further we came across another platoon in our company traveling in the other direction. One of their trucks was on fire due to a landmine. So to get to the other side, we had to go off road into soft sand. Of the 27 trucks I had, 16 got stuck. Two of them where buried up to the axles, we had to use two of the military vehicles to tow them out," he said. "But when we got the second truck on the road, we saw it had a flat tire, which took another 45 minutes."

The convoy set off again, determined to complete their mission, but 10 minutes down the road, one of their trucks hit a land mine. Luckily both the driver and passenger were alright. Having to get the last seven convoy trucks around the wreckage to the other side where the gun trucks could protect them, Sergeant Voltz volunteered to walk in the desert next to the road to ensure a safe passage for the remaining trucks.

"It's not something you want to do since there could be land mines," Sergeant Voltz said. "One of the things I was taught early on by my dad, brothers, commanders and supervisors was 'don't make your people do something you are not willing to do yourself.' So I did the sweep and provided the trucks a safe corridor to get through."

The convoy finally arrived safely at their destination at 11:30 p.m. — 15 hours after they first started the mission.

"It was all due to the good training and discipline of the convoy members that we arrived safely," he said.

Since the Air Force started the Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation system, members normally know well ahead of time where and when they were going, and what they were going to do. This was not so for the 11 men of the 355th LRS.

"It really wasn't until we got to Iraq that we found out what we would be doing. We directly impacted every piece of equipment that came into the theater," Sergeant Voltz said.

The Army recognized every one of the 355th LRS members who went to Iraq. Ten were awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Sergeant Voltz received a Bronze Star.

According to Sergeant Voltz, the competitive attitude between the Army and Air Force was present for only the first two missions.

"After the third mission they saw how we did things based on the rules of engagement and how we applied an Air Force concept to Army tactics. They started to really respect the things we could do and provide. After the first month of doing convoy escort, we were getting requested by name. It does feel good to receive an award from the Army, but for me, that would not have been possible had it not been for the 35 guys I had working with me, specifically the seven guys I had from D-M in my platoon," he said. "They worked hard and carried the brunt of the load; all I did was try to manage their time."

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Sergeant Voltz said the training they received prior to their deployment, like self-aid buddy care, M-16 and physical training, helped them immensely and made them ready to fight when called.

"The opportunities we had with our M-16s, like making sure we had operational weapons and that they were sighted in, was critical to saving us time in theater," Sergeant Voltz said.

Sergeant Voltz also said training like self-aid buddy care and physical training helped set the D-M LRS troops ahead of others.

Lt. Col. Roger Brooks, 355th LRS commander, said that once he learned what his folks were going to be doing, they instituted more rigorous training, such as combat convoy operations, first aid, navigation and everyone had M-9 training. The program was sent to Air Combat Command and has been used by several other bases to prepare LRS troops deploying for convoy duty.

Training was essential to each convoy team completing their mission and getting home safe. A feeling, Sergeant Voltz said, nothing could compare to.

"It is an immense relief. Every time you go out [on a convoy] is an adrenaline rush. There is nothing like accomplishing a mission without any injuries. We never lost a life. That in itself is the most gratifying part of the job," he said.

Of the 35 people in 1st Platoon, only three were injured. They all were hurt at the same time in one explosion.

"About eight miles outside the base, an explosive hit a truck. The gunner was sitting on top of the truck with his legs dangling in the truck. A piece of shrapnel came in over the (passenger's) head, sliced the gunner's ankle, severing 80 percent of his Achilles Tendon, and went out over the driver's head. The driver, whose ear drums burst and face was cut up by pieces of shrapnel, drove the truck with five flat tires two miles to safety so they could get the medical help they needed — despite his injuries," Sergeant Voltz said.

"What made us so good was the fact that we drove home the point that we were a family. We built a close knit team of professionals. We were like brothers and sisters."

Colonel Brooks kept tabs on his LRS troops while they were in Iraq and he said he is proud of the job they did.

"I'm very proud of these vehicle operators, they have pushed the

boundaries of expeditionary combat support far beyond what we ever imagined just a year ago," he said. "These brave men and women excelled at protecting U.S. Army convoys with machine guns and automatic grenade launchers. They have gone far beyond the expectations of their career field — they are not "just" Airmen, they have become Airmen-Soldiers. Most of all, I'm proud and excited to have this first group home safe. Two Airmen from other LRS units have died this year in Iraq doing convoy duty. I think everyday about the other 26 Airmen we currently have deployed to Iraq supporting the U.S. Army mission."

The LRS members have many achievements to be proud of: They were a part of more than 100 convoys, they delivered more than 1.25 million short tons of cargo, traveling more than 253,100 miles. Of 35 people, there was no loss of life, only three injuries and no loss of cargo — all over seven months of convoy duty.

"I took 10 folks from D-M and those 10 folks did everything I asked them to do and more. They set the tone for how our platoon

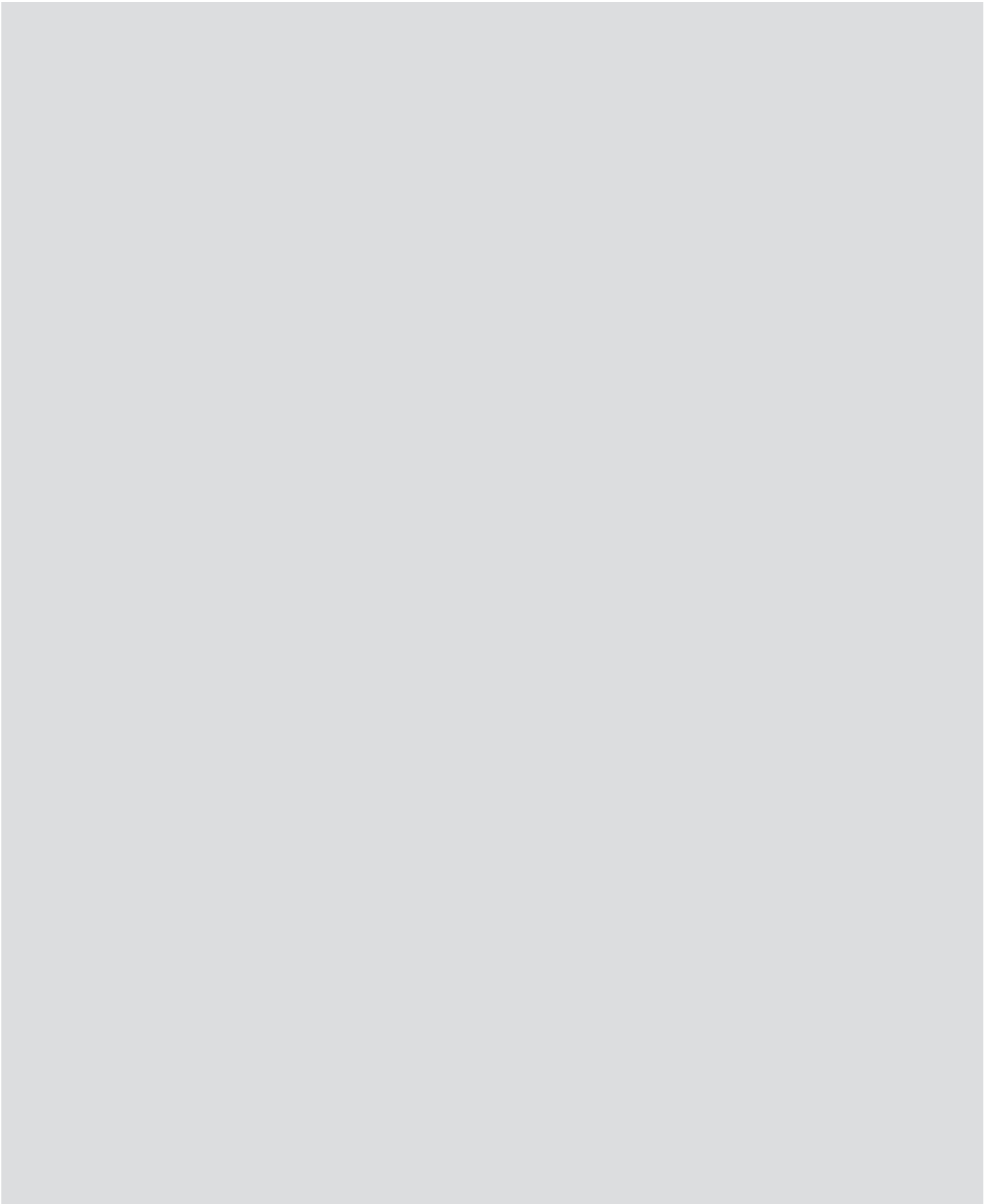
did business by how they worked as a team. To bring them all back home safely gives me the most satisfaction," he said. "It wasn't about glory. It was about taking care of these guys."

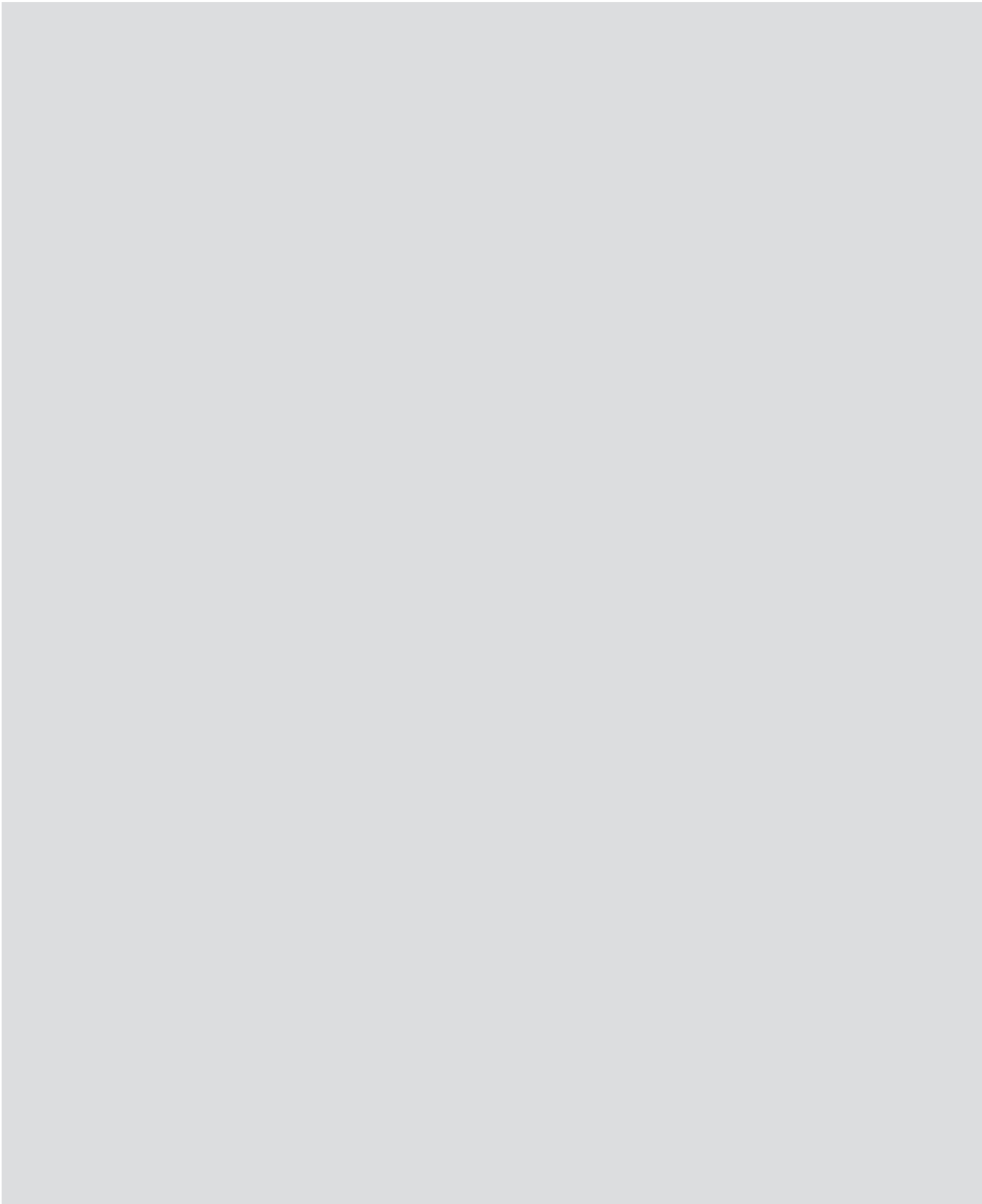


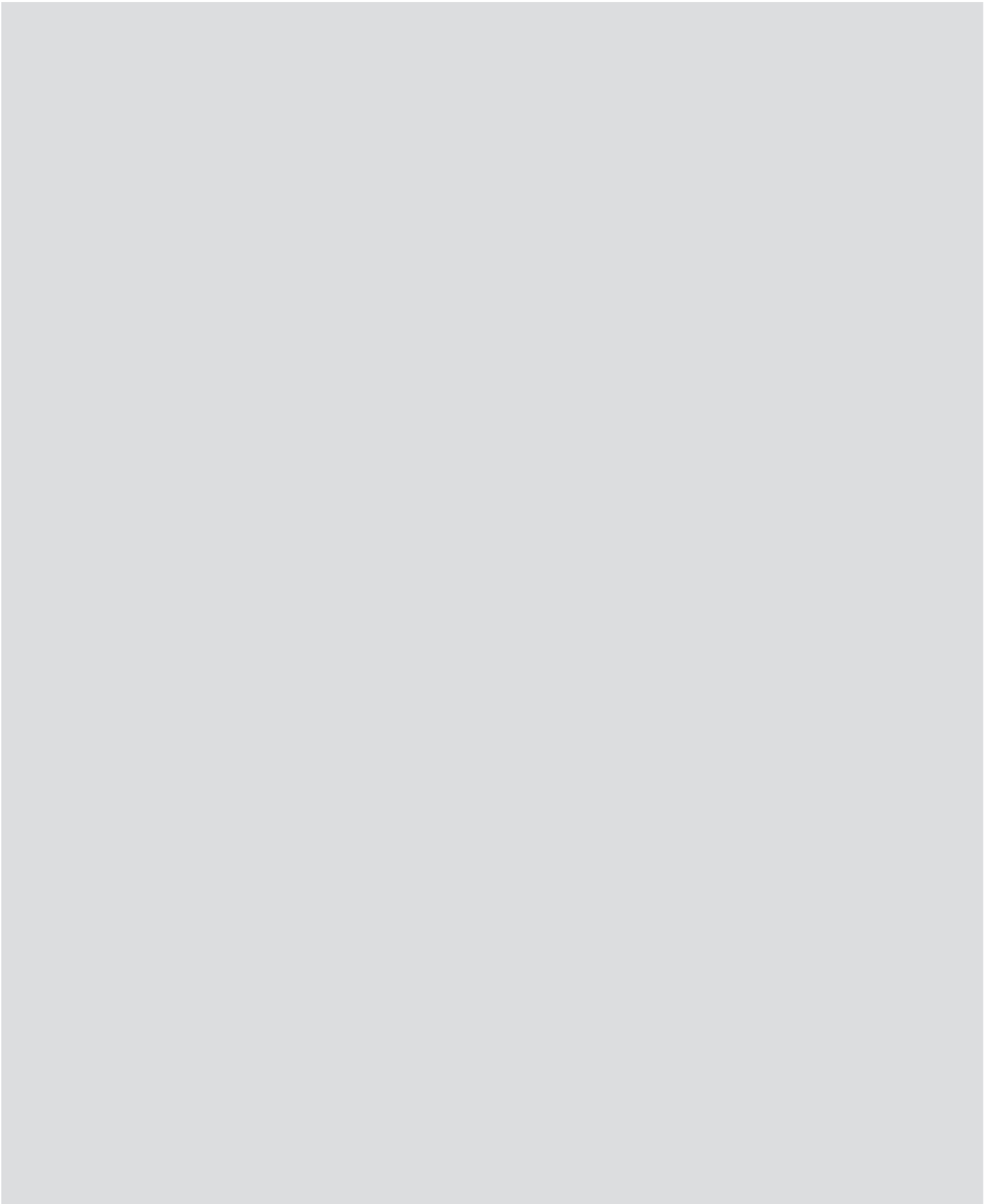
Courtesy photos

(Top right photo) Senior Airman Derek Manner, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, gets his truck ready before leaving for a convoy in Iraq. Airman Manner and 10 other 355th LRS members were among the first to deploy for convoy duty in support of the U.S. Army in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

(Above) Staff Sgt. Brad Tomazic, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, aims a M-9 during training in Iraq.







Sports Day to provide exercise, break from work

By Stephanie Ritter
355th Wing Public Affairs

Thursday, the Davis-Monthan community will have the opportunity to participate in a day devoted to fitness, the art of competition and fun.

"The Wing Sports Day is a chance to allow the entire Desert Lightning Wing to participate in friendly competitive events to promote esprit de corps," said Staff Sgt. Laressa Kellergriffin, 355th Services Squadron NCO in charge sports programs. "The program will also help build sportsmanship and team camaraderie."

To do all this, a broad array of events have been planned to appeal to the widest levels of athletic abilities and preferences.

During the day, enthusiasts can join in on a 5K run, racquetball, tennis, golf, bowling, one pitch softball, three-on-three basketball, horseshoes, sand volleyball, strength endurance competition, soccer kick, swim competition, football throw, bed race or tug-of-war.

Sergeant Kellergriffin said, military, Department of Defense and Non-appropriated Funds employees and dependents can participate in as many events as they would like as long as none of the events overlap each other. However, participants must keep in mind that some of the events can field only one team from each squadron.

"People can sign up for events through their squadron

representatives," Sergeant Kellergriffin said. "The goal is to be doing something sports related all day."

The Davis-Monthan Sports Day Basic Rules of Competition state that all teams wishing to compete must have entry sheets turned in by noon Monday. All late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a five point penalty. Once schedules are finalized, they will be posted at each fitness center and e-mailed to team designated squadron representatives.

Activities will be located at various places around the base, Sergeant Kellergriffin said.

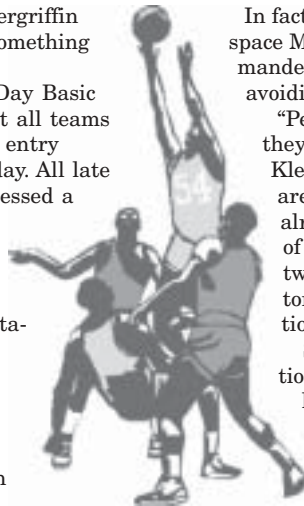
The 5K run will kick off the day's events at 7:30 a.m. and an awards ceremony will wrap things up at 3:30 p.m. Awards will be given to the overall group winner as well as the first, second and third placed squadrons.

"The mere fact that people will be up moving around in the events will give them an opportunity to challenge themselves physically and mentally, which is a huge part in being 'Fit to Fight,'" Sergeant Kellergriffin said.

But the underlining theme of fun for each of the events comes with an important warning for each of the participants.

"The best way to fight the heat of this day is to ensure you drink plenty of

fluids the day prior and throughout the day of the events," Sergeant Kellergriffin said.



In fact, Maj. Nancy Klein, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron deputy commander, said, prevention is the key to avoiding dehydration.

"People should not be waiting until they are thirsty to drink," Major Klein said. "If they wait until they are thirsty, they have normally already lost two to three percent of their body weight. As little as two percent loss can cause circulatory and thermo regulatory function impairment."

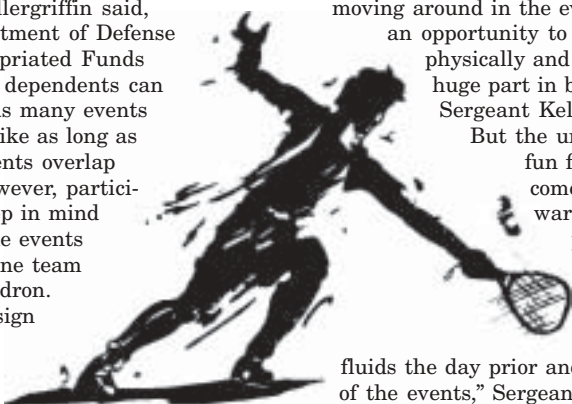
Several symptoms of dehydration include dry or sticky mouth, low or no urine output, dark yellow urine, inability to produce tears, sunken eyes, rapid heart rate and poor skin elasticity.

"Drinking fluids is usually sufficient for mild dehydration," Major Klein said. "It is better to have frequent, small amounts of fluid rather than trying to force large amounts of fluid all at one time. Sports drinks contain a lot of sugar and can cause diarrhea if an individual is dehydrated so, a diluted amount of half water and half sports drink would be better."

A good rule of thumb, the Major said, is to stay hydrated a day or two before the event.

"Then, the day of the event, drink at least 16 ounces two hours before and at least four to six ounces for every 15 minutes [of activity]. I usually equate that to four to five big gulps of fluid," Major Klein said.

And with its members all properly hydrated, the D-M Sports Day is expected to keep its members busy with activities and competitions.



Sports Shorts

Free foot reflexology

Members from the Arizona Reflexology Association will be at the new fitness and sports center today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reflexology is a hands-on art that helps to promote relaxation. It is based on the premise that the body is reflected in its parts such as the feet, hands and ears and therefore, can be impacted through working the reflections of these areas. The Davis-Monthan Community will receive a free 10 to 15 minute demonstration on their feet. By working the feet, the practitioner can help the person become more aware of areas of their bodies that may be out of bal-

ance. Coaxing the body out of stress and into relaxation can allow the body to bring itself into equilibrium. For more information about the event, call Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Ramey at the new fitness and sports center at 228-0022.

Golf course over-seeding

Due to annual over-seeding, the Blanchard Golf Course will be open for 9 holes only from Monday until Oct. 22. The course will reopen for 18 holes Oct. 23. The course will have special opening dates during the Columbus holiday and will be open for 18 holes Oct. 9, 10 and 11. Eagles Nest fans will still be able to

enjoy breakfast, lunch and daily specials at the course's restaurant. The grill opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. For more information, call 228-3734.

Football Frenzy

It's Sunday morning and your favorite team is not playing on network television. What's a die-hard football fan to do? Come out and have a great time with friends this Sunday at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club for Sunday Football Frenzy, featuring National Football League Sunday Ticket. Watch up to six different NFL games every week on multiple screens including two big screens. Enter to win

Football Frenzy NFL trips or a plasma TV from Air Force Clubs. Doors open at 9 a.m. Enjoy drink specials and 25 cent hot wings or try a breakfast from the Eagles Nest restaurant or order a pizza, sub or side from Cabanas restaurant starting at noon. For more information, call 228-3100.

Fantasy Island bike ride

The Davis-Monthan Community is invited to join outdoor recreation for a trip on the Fantasy Island bike trail Nov. 27. This is a 12 to 14 mile trail ride rated by bikers from all around the U.S. as one of the best trails

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Staff Sgt. Case Armsey, 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, pitches during a Davis-Monthan Varsity Baseball Game at Tucson Electric Park Saturday. The game was called early on account of rain.



Senior Airman Timothy Turner, 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, attempts to tag a runner from the Mets out at first base.

Let's play ball ...

Davis-Monthan's Varsity Baseball Team, the Mustangs, played at Tucson Electric Park's Stadium Field Saturday against a local Tucson team called the Mets. The Mustangs typically play against other Tucson teams as well as Luke Air Force Base. In mid October, they will play in a tournament at the Red Mountain Baseball Complex in Mesa, Ariz.

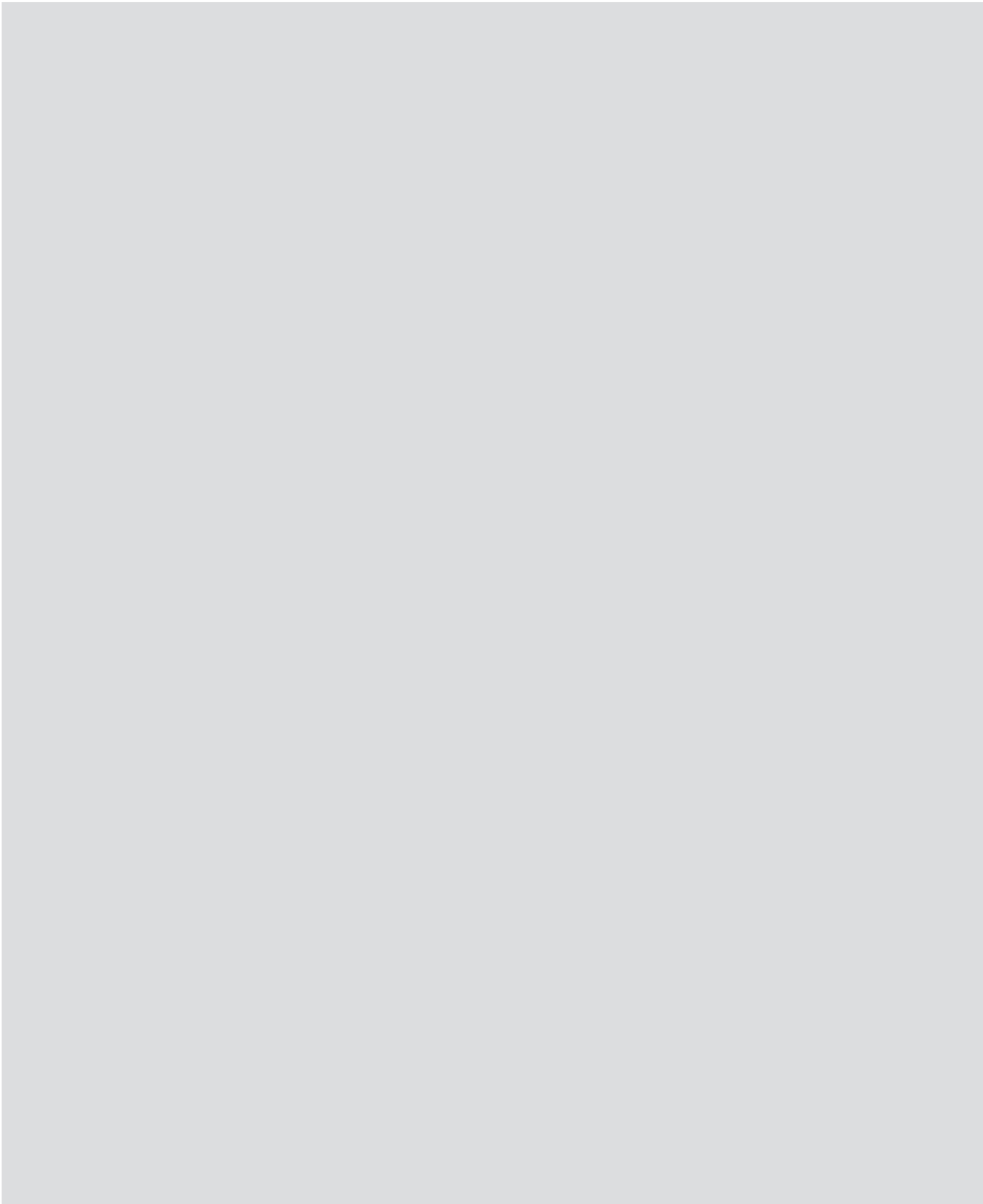
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in Tucson and throughout Arizona. The terrain is mostly flat with fun rollercoaster hills throughout making it perfect for beginners to experienced riders alike. The cost is \$35 and includes front suspension bikes and a guide. For more information, call 228-3736.

Ski trip

Outdoor recreation has a ski trip to Sunrise, Ariz. Dec. 17 to 19. The resort in the White Mountains has 10 lifts and 65 runs. Participants will stay at the Sunrise Park Resort, which offers not only rooms but two restaurants, a lounge, a gift shop, a pool, whirlpools, a sauna and a game room as well. The cost is \$270 and includes two nights lodging and a two day lift ticket. Participants will be responsible for renting and/or taking care of their own skis. For more information, call 228-3736.



Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Daily: Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

Education Services

Scholarship

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association is sponsoring the General Emmett Paige Scholarship. Scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to active duty, veterans and their spouses or dependents who are currently enrolled full time and majoring in electrical, computer, chemical or aerospace engineering; computer science; physics; or mathematics at an accredited four-year U.S. college or university. Veterans attending college as freshmen are eligible to apply; all others must be at least second-year college students, enrolled full time as sophomores or juniors at the time of application. Applicants must be U.S. citizens with a minimum grade point average of 3.4. The deadline is Feb. 1. Distance learning programs are not eligible. For more information, contact Norma Corrales at (703) 631-6149, (800) 336-4583 extension 6149 or scholarship@afcea.org.

Spouse Troops to Teachers

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support has developed a new pilot program to help spouses begin careers as teachers. The Spouses to Teachers Program is available in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Texas and Virginia. Additional states may be added in the future depending on interest and activity. Information, counseling and financial assistance are available. For more information, call 1-800-452-6619 or visit STT@volved.doded.mil

Park University

Park University Fall II 2004 term registration has already started. Those interested are encouraged to register now. Campus classes begin Oct. 18 and internet classes begin Oct. 25. For more information, call the Park University office at 748-8266 or send an

e-mail to davi@park.edu.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition Assistance funding for fiscal 2005 has been released by Air Combat Command Headquarters and is now available for active-duty students who will be taking classes in October. Students must apply for TA no later than the school's add/drop week. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the TA voucher is provided to the school for payment by the Air Force. A late application or failure to provide the TA voucher to the school may result in denial of TA.

Family Support Center

Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

Pre-separation counseling

This class will take place at the family support center Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 15 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Time for Tots

There is a Time for Tots program Wednesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

Resume and Interview workshops

These workshops are Oct. 1 in Building 3200 and cover the basic information to help individuals prepare for their next job. The Resume Workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. and the Interview Workshop is from noon to 2 p.m. To sign up, call 228-5690.

Smooth Move Briefing

The family support center will conduct a Smooth Move Briefing Oct. 6 from 8 to 11:30 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. This briefing helps individuals prepare for their next permanent change of station assignment. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

Black Heritage Association

Everyone on base is invited to the BHA's

meeting today at 11 a.m. in the Saguaro Room at The Mirage Officers' Club. They are looking to invite new members or even volunteers to assist with brainstorming ideas for all 2004 to 2005 base wide events.

Enlisted Spouses Association

The ESA is searching for new members. Spouses of enlisted, National Guard, Reserve, retired service members, or single active duty Airmen who would like more information can call Tricia Attrill at 514-8900.

Thrift shop

The thrift shop, located on Ironwood, across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.

Friday and Saturday: The Village

(PG-13) This movie is set in rural Pennsylvania in 1897 in the small village of Covington, population 60. The woods that surround the village are inhabited by a race of creatures who keep the citizens confined within the borders. When a romance blossoms between the daughter of the town's leader and a boy named Lucius, many are forced to face some tough questions regarding the policy of keeping Covington's citizens completely confined to the village. But the reasons for the isolation may not be as simple as a group of creatures patrolling the borders. *2 hours*



Sunday: The Manchurian Candidate

(R) Captain Bennett Marco and Sergeant Raymond Shaw served together during the Persian Gulf War. The two were part of a platoon of U.S. soldiers who were kidnapped by the enemy and brainwashed to become pawns once they return home. Now, 10 years later, Shaw is climbing the political ladder the help from his stepfather who is a powerful senator. Marco, however, is not doing well with his post-war adjustment, and eventually remembers being brainwashed. Knowing that it's just a matter of time before Shaw is



called to service by his handler, Marco tries to help him remember what happened before something terrible happens. *2 hours, 10 minutes*

Services Activities

Mongolian barbecue

There will be a Mongolian barbecue at The Mirage Officers' Club Wednesday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The meal includes meat, seafood, vegetables, sauces and an array of spices. Watch as an expert chef prepares the selections right before your eyes. Cost for the meal is \$9.95 per adult and \$5.95 for children. Members receive a \$2 discount and their children who are 5 years and under eat free. The cost for non-member's children is \$2. For more information, call 228-3301.

German Oktoberfest

There is a German Oktoberfest at The Mirage Officers' Club Oct. 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy German food while listening to the Rusty Greer Band featuring Hildegard. There will be plenty of fun and prize giveaways throughout the evening. The cost is \$14.95 and members receive a \$2 discount. Cost for children ages 6 to 12 years is \$5.95. The event is free for children 5 years and under. For more information, call 228-3301.

Pumpkin search, corn maze trip

Join Information, Tickets and Travel as they head just west of Tucson to Buckelew Farms for a pumpkin search and corn maze trip Oct. 16. Draft horses will pull wagons into the pumpkin patch where participants

can search for the perfect pumpkin. The wagons will then return to the tent area after a selection is complete. Local youths will assist with the unloading and the weighing of the pumpkins and then help transport them to the ITT van. The pumpkins are 20 cents per pound. A variety of gourds will also be for sale. Additional festivities include the challenge of the farm's 11-acre "Headless Horseman" Corn Maze, browsing through the arts and crafts tent and feeding the animals in the 4-H petting zoo. The little ones can even take a pony ride. This year's Corn Maze design includes more than four miles of trail winding through 11 acres of corn field. It requires approximately two hours to complete. A total of 12 checkpoints are contained within the maze to serve as a guide and help participants gauge their success. Cost for the event is \$15 and includes transportation and parking only. Prices for various events vary. For more information, call 228-3736.

Old Tucson Fright Night

There is a trip with Information, Tickets and Travel to Old Tucson Studios for their Fright Night Oct. 22. This frightful event was developed in the spirit of Nightmare and inhabits Old Tucson's historic streets during the month of October. Fright Fest features family oriented musical and comedy shows as well as surprises to keep even the most fearless visitors on their toes. Cost for the trip is \$15 and includes transportation only.

Additional fees required to enter Old Tucson Studios. For more information, call 228-3736.

Framing classes

The arts and crafts center offers a two-part framing class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 21 and 28. In the first session, participants will learn how to cut and join their own frame. In the second session, they will learn how to size and cut the matts and glass for the frames and assemble the finished piece. Cost for the class is \$20 and includes all supplies. For more information, call 228-4389.

Apache Gold Casino

There is a trip with Information, Tickets and Travel to the Apache Gold Casino Nov. 6 to 7. Participants will leave for the Apache Gold Casino in a deluxe motorcoach for an overnight stay. Once there, they will receive a \$34 fun book on both days with food, drink and gaming coupons. Those interested in golf can play 18 holes with a cart for \$65. The cost for the trip is \$40 and includes deluxe overnight accommodations and transportation. Space is limited, so those who are interested are encouraged to sign-up early. For more information, call 228-3736.

Fall Bazaar

The arts and crafts center is sponsoring a fall crafts Bazaar Nov. 6 at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. For more information, or to become a vendor, call 228-4385 or 228-4389.



The Mirage
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HOURS OF OPERATION	
Lunch: M-F 1100-1300	
Dinner: To Be Announced	
Weekend Brunch: 1000-1300	
Casinos: Thurs 1000-1400,	
Wed-Fri 1000-1700 (Closed Mon)	
(by appointment only)	
Barber Shop: Mon-Fri 0800-1600	
Sun, Thurs and Fri 1600-1777	
Adults Office: Mon-Fri 0800-1600	
Casino's Cage: Mon-Wed 1000-1400	
Thurs 1000-1600, Fri 1600-1700	


\$7.85 WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIALS	
from 1100 - 1300	
\$2 member discount + use of a Services Buck!	

Sept 24 - DJ Wrecking Crew
is in the POLY BAR from
1700 - 2100 bar opens at 1600

Sept 29 - Mongolian BBQ
from 1730 - 2000, adults \$9.95

Sept 30 - Triple T Nights
Free Tacos and Tequila Specials
throughout the night for members 

Oct 1 - DJ Wrecking Crew
is in the POLY BAR from
1700 - 2100 bar opens at 1600

Oct 7 - Triple T Nights
Free Tacos and Tequila Specials
throughout the night for members 
2-4-1 Steak, Chicken, or Fish Night,
\$19.95 (mbrs \$2 discount), 1730 - 2000



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CASINOS: Mon-Thurs 1600-2000	
Fri 1000-2200 Sat & Sun 1200 - 2000	
SUNSHINE LAUNDRY:	
Mon: 1000-2100 Thurs & Fri: 1000-1777	
Mon, Thurs, Sat & Sun: CLOSED	
Casino's Office: Thurs-Fri: 1000-1700	
Mon, Sat & Sun: CLOSED	
Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 0800-1700	
Sun: 0800-1200	
Casino's Cage: Thurs-Fri: 1000-1700	
Mon, Sat & Sun: CLOSED	

Sept 24 - Karaoke with Desi
in the Shockwave from 1700 - 2100


Sept 26 - NFL Sunday Ticket
bar opens at 0900, games start at 1000

Sept 27 - FOOTBALL FRENZY
Shockwave opens at 1600 (BIG PRIZES)

Oct 1 - DJ INSANE PAYNE
in the Shockwave from 1700 - 2100


Oct 3 - NFL Sunday Ticket
bar opens at 0900, games start at 1000

Oct 4 - FOOTBALL FRENZY
Shockwave opens at 1600 (BIG PRIZES)



Football Special every Sunday
Two 12" one topping pizzas with two 16oz sodas for \$14.90


September ALL DAY SPECIAL
BBQ Brisket Sandwich with fries or tossed salad and soda for \$5.95








FOOTBALL FRENZY AT THE SHOCKWAVE

EVERY MONDAY

NIGHT AT 1600



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